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TITLE 183 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Chapter 4 RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM OF
THE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND PROFESSIONAL INCENTIVE ACT

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001 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. An individual, in order to be eligible for loan repayment, must:

- 001.01 Be a dentist, mental health practitioner, nurse practitioner, occupational therapist, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician assistant, or physician in an approved specialty;
- 001.02 Be licensed or certified to practice in the State of Nebraska;
- 001.03 Not be enrolled in a residency program for physicians;
- 001.04 Enter practice in a designated health profession shortage area in Nebraska; and
- 001.05 Submit an individual application containing information specified by the Rural Health Advisory Commission; and
- 001.06 Have the community providing the local match submit an application containing information specified by the Rural health Advisory Commission.

002 DESIGNATION OF HEALTH PROFESSION SHORTAGE AREAS. The Rural Health Advisory Commission will designate an area as being a health profession shortage area if, in addition to the factors mentioned in the RURAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND PROFESSIONAL INCENTIVE ACT, the following two criteria are met:

- 002.01 The area is a rational area for the delivery of health care services; and
- 002.02 One of the following conditions prevails within the area:
 - 002.02A The area exceeds the acceptable population-to-practitioner ratio set by the Commission; or
 - 002.02B The area does not exceed the acceptable population-to-practitioner ratio set by the Commission but has either unusually high needs for health care services or insufficient capacity of existing health care providers.

003 APPLICATION PERIOD. Applications will be accepted throughout the year.

004 SELECTION PRIORITIES. In consideration of granting loan repayment, the Rural Health Advisory Commission may prioritize applicants using as a minimum:

- 004.01 The severity of shortage in the area where the applicant is practicing;
- 004.02 The potential impact on the area if the applicant does not remain in practice; and
- 004.03 The educational debt burden of the applicant.

SOURCE: Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. ' ' 71-5650 to 71-5670.